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New president brings hope, anxieties in Mich.

With the Washington Monument in the background, President-elect Joe Biden with his wife, Jill Biden, and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris with her husband, Doug Emhoff, listen as Livonia nurse Lori Marie Key sings "Amazing Grace" during a COVID-19 memorial Tuesday. AP

Capitol riot, law changes have many on edge

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After one of the most-divisive and violent post-election periods in American history, President-elect Joe Biden will be sworn into office at the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday, officially — and irrevocably — concluding Donald Trump's term as president.

But if there is elation, it's subdued. If there's an overarching feeling, it's worry. And those suffering from the two extremes include many Michiganders.

His inauguration coming two weeks to the day that a pro-Trump mob stormed the Capitol and tried to keep Congress from finalizing the election result, Biden will be sworn in at

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Whitmer unveils recovery package

She want millions for jobs, schools, vaccination efforts

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Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has a plan that she says will cripple COVID-19, get students back in schools and residents back to work.

The ambitious proposal announced Tuesday, called the Michigan COVID Recovery Plan, relies on roughly $5 billion in federal funds already awarded to the state. In addition to providing grants for businesses and more money for school districts, Whitmer said the plan will:

Whitmer

- Help families in need of food, or assistance paying their rent or utilities with billions in federal funding
- Expand a tax incentive for businesses that relocate and grow in Michigan

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Vaccine swaps, shortages leave many counties scrambling

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Local health departments scrambled early this week to reschedule appointments for COVID-19 vaccinations as they ran out of doses of the Pfizer vaccine and got an unexpected shipment of Moderna's.

It's the latest snarl in a rocky rollout hampered by inadequate vaccine supply and distribution woes — including 12,000 doses of Moderna's vaccine spoiled while en route to the state.

Wayne County had to cancel about 1,400 vaccinations this week and Washtenaw County canceled 1,500 because they didn't receive as much of the Pfizer vaccine as they expected from the state of Michigan and couldn't shift quickly enough to administer

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Legal sports betting in Mich. to start Friday

9 casinos and their online partners are ready to launch

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Michigan regulators have given the green light for online gambling and online sports betting to start at noon Friday.

The Michigan Gaming Control Board announced Tuesday that it approved the first nine casinos and their online platform partners to launch at that time, with additional approvals expected in coming days.

The Legislature and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer legalized internet gambling and sports betting in December 2019, and regulators spent all of last year devising rules and ways to monitor and license the new platforms.

The minimum age for online gambling and sports betting is 21. Those taking part in sports betting do not need to be Michigan residents, but must be situated within the state's borders when placing bets via smartphone app or computer. Those from Ohio, where online sports betting isn't legal, could therefore use Michigan's new betting apps if they do so in Michigan.

The nine platforms and their associated

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Infection totals (As of 9 p.m. Tuesday)
Michigan: 13,865 deaths, 540,115 cases
U.S.: 401,362 deaths, 24,233,759 cases
World: 2,054,270 deaths, 96,103,144 cases

Sources: Johns Hopkins University and state of Michigan

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